

Editorial

The Price Tag Doesn't Count

It was rather interesting to note that in a recent case that appeared before a magistrate in Buttonville Court, a couple was fined \$25 for residing in a mobile trailer for a period greater than provided for in a Markham Township bylaw. The defendants pointed out that temporary residence had, when new, sported a price tag of \$8,300.00.

We would suggest that it would little matter if their two-wheeled trailer cost ten times this figure, it is not assessable and therefore pays no taxes into the township coffers. The owner had already been granted a liberal extension on the specified time limit. Her counsel contended that in the cases of fire, etc. the unfortunate parties should be allowed

certain considerations. We would suggest that a municipality might lend a sympathetic ear to such a situation if the persons had made some noticeable attempt to replace the burned-out structure with a permanent dwelling. In this particular case, the owner was apparently content to sit back and live comfortably in a tax-free trailer. This type of residence, unfortunately, does not assist in the building of schools and the construction of roads.

No one can dispute the fact that some models of mobile homes are beautiful, even luxurious. They may tend to enhance any country community but unless they pay their way with that all-important tax dollar, they are merely a burden on the neighborhood.

Too Many Drownings

Another drowning victim was added to the lengthy list of water fatalities at Musselman's Lake on Saturday evening. Last summer, six persons died at the local resort centre. For the number of men, women and children who flock into the area on weekends, the accident rate is possibly not abnormally high. We would contend, however, that bathers are too dependent on the arrival of life-saving equipment from Stouffville should a mishap occur. A ten minute dash by firemen, police or doctors is sometimes just ten minutes too long.

It May Not Be Generally Known

It may not be generally known but Ontario Provincial Police do welcome the assistance of the public at the scene of a serious highway accident. Until Sunday, we were under the impression that any offer to assist an officer at the scene of an accident might be regarded as interference but apparently this is not the case.

However, the fact that the police would welcome needed assistance shouldn't be misinterpreted — it is not a signal to everyone and his brother to flock to the scene of an accident and clutter things up. It is an invitation to those who happen to be passing to take a look and see if

help is needed. This isn't hard to determine and if help is not needed the most helpful thing to do is drive on. There is a chance that help might be required to do that very thing — keep traffic moving or divert it while the officer carries out his investigation.

Apparently about one of the most helpful things the public can do is to avoid asking needless questions of the officer at the scene — he's trying to find the answer to a number of things himself.

In a nutshell, if you come upon an accident, see if your help is needed and if it isn't don't add to the confusion by loitering or bothering the investigating officer.

Teen-Age Ambition

We've all read and listened to the modern day tale of woe concerning our spendthrift teen-agers and their easy come, easy go allowances that are weekly doled out by overly-generous parents. Perhaps, to a certain extent, it is all too true, but we are quite confident that a certain rank and file of young people have learned the value of the almighty dollar through the experience of physical labors.

On Monday morning—a holiday,

we visited a local market garden farm in the district. We were more than pleasantly surprised to see more than thirty boys and girls, ranging in age from 14 to 17 years working strenuously in the field. On busier days, we learned, their numbers would be increased to fifty. Their job was piece work. They were paid according to what they could produce. How much greater the satisfaction for the son or daughter. Truly, an indelible lesson in economics that could last a lifetime.

Hospital Rates To Go Up In Fall

"Doctors are in favour of Health Insurance," stated Dr. John H. McKinney of Brooklin when speaking to members of Ontario (County) Co-op Medical Services recently at their annual meeting at Greenbank.

"We have been watching the Saskatchewan elections," continued the guest speaker, "and there is no doubt Health Insurance will come, but not too suddenly, and we hope it will be in a form acceptable to both the Doctors and the people."

Dr. McKinney spoke of certain safeguards that the medical profession consider important. First, the doctors feel, it is necessary that you should have free choice of your doctor. Second, they see trouble if the doctors are paid on a stated salary or paid at so much per head. They think that the medical profession is entitled to "fee for service." They feel that doctors should be paid for what they do. For instance, if a doctor wants to take night calls, he should be paid accordingly.

The speaker's topic was "The Changes in Medical Practice in the past twenty-five years." He

spoke of some of the difficult house visits in his early practice. Births were generally in the home instead of in hospital. Lab tests, x-rays, new drugs, new surgical procedures and anaesthesia techniques, and immunization have changed the health picture.

The doctor pointed out that you can't judge the worth of a drug by its cost. A good deal of research and study is behind one little capsule.

In his duties as Medical Officer, Dr. McKinney has noted a change in the year-end reports when stating the causes of deaths. It used to be that the top three killers were pneumonia, T.B., and infection. Now the three main causes of deaths are heart, cancer, and accidents.

"The Medical Co-operative has always had a good reputation," stated Dr. McKinney. Prior to the Ontario Hospital Insurance becoming effective in January 1959, only the Blue Cross and the Medical Co-operative plans were readily accepted by the hospitals.

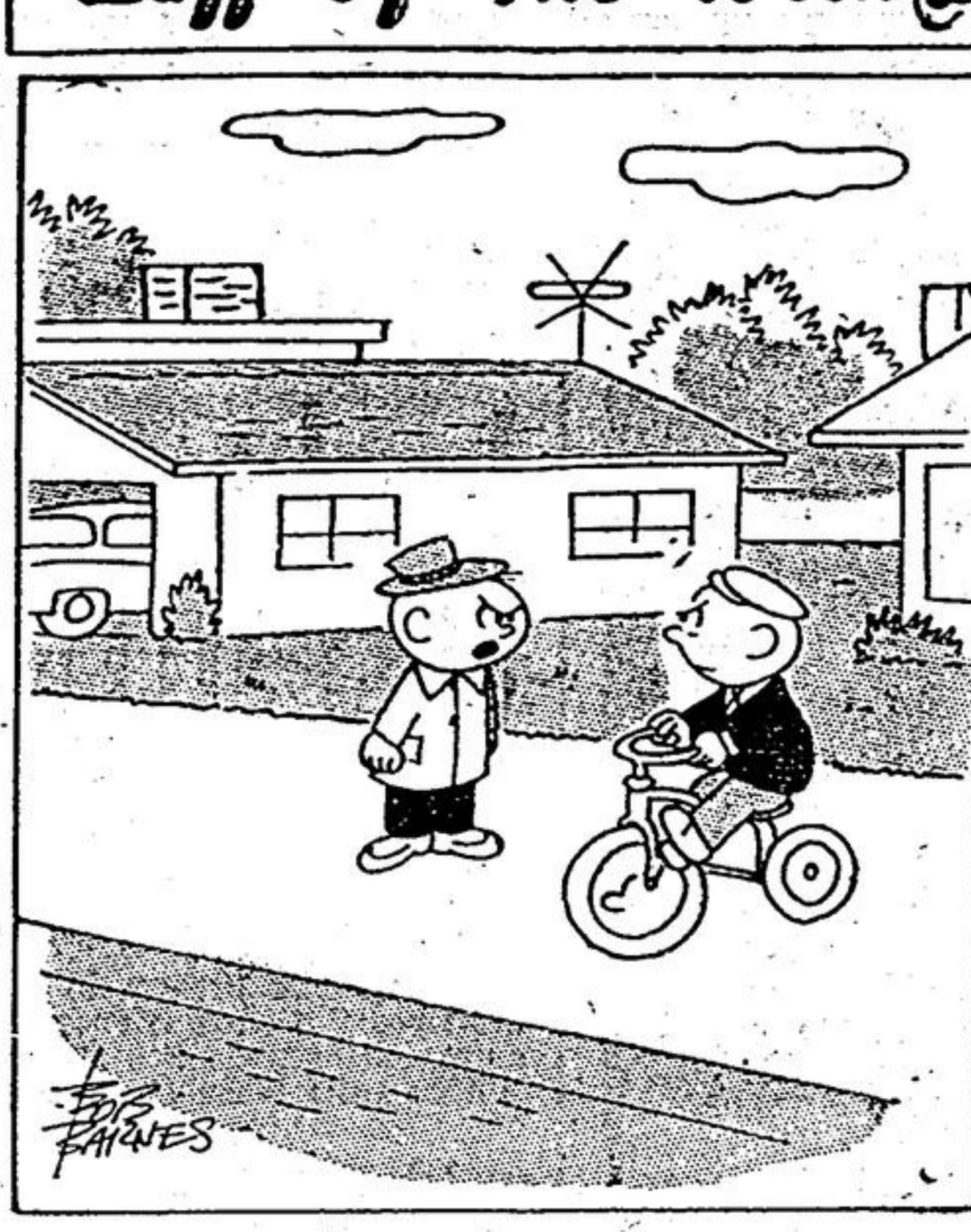
The speaker said that doctors believe in prepaid services.

This is evidenced by the fact that their first Plan was started in the late 1930's, followed by B.S.I. These Plans accepted organized groups—usually industrial. Dr. McKinney pointed out that the Medical Co-operatives have made Surgical and other Health Insurance Plans available to self-employed people, without discrimination as to age.

Wallace MacLean of Udney, President of Ontario (County) Co-op Medical Services, reported a very successful year for the Co-operative. Twenty-four Catastrophe Claims were paid—one payment being for \$1,711. New Plans available since the last annual meeting are "In-hospital Medical" and "Major Medical".

The President of the provincial Co-op Medical Services Federation, Robert Moffat of Orono, spoke briefly. He said that it is his understanding that the Ontario Hospital Insurance premium will be increased to \$5.50 per month for the family in October 1960, for the benefit period beginning January 1961.

Laff Of The Week



"My father is in a bigger rat-race than your father!"

Sugar and Spice

By BILL SMILEY

There's been a resounding taradiddle recently about Canada's divorce laws. A couple of members of our House of Commons have refused to play the annual parliamentary game known as "Let's Pass These Blasted Divorces and Get Home." So their fellow MPs sweated and muttered in the heat of the capital.

Alternating from delight in the exposure of the shoddy fabrication of divorce evidence to shocked outrage at the inadequacy of our divorce laws, the metropolitan papers are having a field day, tipping a heavy wink at their circulation managers between headlines. It's the best gimmick they've come across since capital punishment, for selling papers.

All this foofawraw about divorce has sorely confused my slow cousin Winslow. Last time I saw him, he was really bewildered. "Does all this here stuff," he asked me, "mean no more unless you're married? That ya can't have no adultery no more unless you're married?" I had quite a time straightening him out.

"No, no, Winslow," I explained. "It means you can go right on being crazy, a drunk, a wife-beater, or a family-deserter, and your wife is stuck with you, for better or worse. It's only when one of the parties to the marriage commits adultery, with witnesses, that you can untie the knot. And as that is a pastime that does not encourage the presence of witnesses, you have to sort of make believe. You hire a whole lot of people, like detectives and lawyers and a nice lady who will pretend she's a shady lady. All this costs a lot of money, and that's why fellows like you and me seldom get a divorce."

Winslow was relieved. "Ya

mean I don't hafta look her up and bring her back and get one a them divorces?" he beamed. Perhaps I should mention that Winslow's wife left him years ago, because he wouldn't change from winter to summer underwear, and he's been as happy as a hog ever since.

There's no doubt about it, though, our divorce laws need a drastic overhauling. And I'd be happy to sit on the committee in charge of drafting the new ones. I'd certainly change a few things.

First of all, I'd put the cost of divorce on a sliding scale, based on your income. There would be a \$25 bottom, for the small wage earner, running up to as much as \$100,000 for the Hollywood star who is making a million a year. This would give the ordinary Joe a chance to knock off the shackles when he arrived at the desperation point, and it would also put a crimp in the marriage merry-go-round among the neurotic rich.

To adultery as the sole excuse for divorce, I would add incurable insanity, desertion and alcoholism. Deserters and boozers would get two chances to pull up their socks. If they couldn't make it stick, they'd get a fast divorce and five years in jail. Nothing like a stretch on the stone pile to cure a hangerover, or that wandering urge. There lies here the danger that many men would be happy to do five in such a cause, and we might have to build a lot more jails, but that could be worked out.

Those would be my basic reasons for a divorce suit. But I would provide one other escape hatch. Each couple, along with the marriage certificate, would be handed a large sheet, with a printed list on it. This would be pinned in a prominent place

FALL FAIR DATES SET

Following is a list of fall fairs in this section of the province as issued by the agricultural societies' branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

- Beaverton — Sept. 15-17
Belleville — Aug. 15-18
Blackstock — Aug. 26-27
Bobcaygeon — Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Campbellford — Sept. 27-28
Kingston — Sept. 27-Oct. 1
Lindsay — Sept. 29-30
Madoc — Oct. 4-5
Markham — Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1
Napanee — Sept. 5-7
Oakwood — Sept. 19-20
Orono — Sept. 9
Oshawa — Aug. 18-20
Peterborough — Aug. 10-13
Picton — Sept. 22-24
Port Perry — Sept. 3-5
Rosenath — Sept. 23-24
Sunderland — Sept. 13-14
CNE — Aug. 24-Sept. 10
Uxbridge — Sept. 28

"Husbands and wives with different colored eyes are happiest," says a psychologist. It is strange that this would enable them better to see eye to eye.

It's a rare day when neither tension nor pension is mentioned in a headline.

PARENTS ONLY

FAMILY MOTOR TRIP

"A wise traveller never despises his own country," wrote Goldoni, and in Lady Eaton's "Memory's Hall," she mentions twice her desire that her children should see Canada. A train trip is a delight to a child and a plane flight is a never-to-be-forgotten experience. But the great majority of families travel as inexpensively as they can, by car.

Holidays spent happily unify the family. New experiences are exhilarating and travel is one door to education. A good journey is one which every member of the family recalls with pleasure. Why not plan a trip for this summer's holiday?

Write at once to the Tourist Information Bureaus in the areas you hope to visit. Be sure to include time spent in some of our beautiful national or provincial parks. Children love maps and they will appreciate having part in vacation preparations. Give one child the job of keeping track of the mileage each day, another might write down money spent on gas and oil. Participation is the basis of enthusiastic co-operation.

Parents travelling with little folk have found it very worthwhile to write ahead and make overnight reservations at recommended hotels, resorts or cabins. If this is not possible, then observe the rule of stopping well before darkness falls to find suitable accommodation. There is nothing more upsetting than an unsuccessful search for a place to sleep with cross, overtired children constantly waiting: "When are we going to get there?"

Fatigue quickly produces irritability in both adults and children. Arrange a rest period after the noon meal for all the family, every day. If baby is small, he can sleep in his basket, or the seat of the car can be used as a bed, with safeguards to prevent him falling. A rug and pillow spread under a shady tree encourages relaxation. It is worthwhile to turn off the main highway and travel down a quiet country road in search of solitude.

It is grand for mother not to have to prepare meals and wash dishes. In order to cut on costs the family may want to "eat out" only one of the three meals. If at all possible, have the dinner meal at a good restaurant or hotel. An early start can be made if breakfast is eaten at the place where the family has stayed overnight.

Travelling with a small baby is easier in some ways than travelling with an active youngster, who is "into everything." The little baby stays in one place—but the diaper problem is not an easy one to solve. An extra supply must be taken along and mother must have the opportunity every other day to wash out the diapers and get them dry. Some families make a 24-hour stop in a city with a Daily Diaper Laundry Service. In order to avail themselves of this help.

Clothes for travelling for children should be comfortable, durable and washable. Seersucker or jersey suits need no ironing, and corduroy overalls for cooler days are an excellent choice for the same reason. Tuck the dirty clothes directly into the laundry bag.



Rev. Robert H. Harper

AN EMPTY HOUSE
WE LIVE as spiritual beings in a spiritual realm no less real because it is unseen by mortal eyes. We dwell in a world that is not less real because it is unseen. It is a world in which the spirits of good and the spirits of evil cross our pathway, seeking to find a lodging place in our hearts. This observation should help us to understand the empty

JUST A THOUGHT:

The progress of Christianity has been noteworthy, but it still must be said that there are today too many who only have time for spiritual thoughts and actions when dressed in their Sunday best. Getting "right" on Sunday is much better than not getting it at all, but who's to say just how wonderful this world would be, if we all paid more attention to spiritual things every day in the week?

house of which we read in the 12th chapter of Matthew. When the unclean spirit had gone out of man, he went through dry places, seeking rest, and found none. And he returned to the house which he had left and he found it empty, swept and garnished. Then he took unto himself seven other spirits, more wicked than himself. And they entered into the house and dwelt there, and the last state of the owner was worse than the first.

Some years ago, I saw in the outskirts of New Orleans an old brick house that had known better days. Evidently no one dwelt there. That was the tragedy of an empty house. But what it represents is infinitely worse, an empty life.

Handyman about the house

By Gordon Donaldson

HANDYMAN'S SLIPS WORKS OF ART SOME DAY BUT COVER THEM NOW

In a century or so, when wooden furniture is a thing of the past (the forests having been blasted to bits) and what is left of civilization is relaxing on exotic seats made of adjustable nuclear rays, there will be some fascinating items in the antique shops.

These will be the bits of furniture hacked out by today's do-it-yourself artists. They will be very expensive, very wobbly and their great charm will be that you can see the workmanship.

"Look!" the gushing lady of the future will cry. "See that lovely old mitre joint that does not fit. And there's the mark where the saw slipped with a tiny little bloodstain beside it. You can just imagine the old craftsman hopping about and howling in Early Canadian..." Shop-made furniture will be in far less demand. It lacks character, even today. Because character implies blemishes and the professionals are too good at covering them up.

(I still remember a boat I rebuilt years ago. That had character all right. The holes in the roof were patched with plaster and the first time it rained, the stuff snowed down in white blobs, blighting my fiancée's hair—and my life). No—blemishes are an essential part of do-it-yourselfery. But they can be concealed. The common screw-hole or chisel gash that ruins the appearance of a homemade coffee table or bookcase can be filled with plastic wood. (Two applications are advisable, because the first will shrink) But if you

then try to stain and polish it, you'll find the filled part a different color from the rest.

A crafty method is to use sawdust from the wood you're using, mixed with glue. Plain glue can be used, too—particularly for filling in end grains. But you can't stain over it.

Here I should mention the dangers of staining directly on fir plywood jobs. The grain is so pronounced that it immediately produces a tigerish effect that can be seen a mile away. Unless you like this glaring grain, use white filler sealer—giving it plenty of time to dry—and then wipe stain over it.

For jobs that are to be painted, all sorts of fillers are available. Putty is grand for large, quiet holes that are well out of sight and will not be subjected to any strain. Gray caulking compound—the stuff you force in around leaky window joints, will take slight strain as it remains pliable, although hard enough to paint on the surface.

Wood putty comes in powder form, so you don't waste so much by forgetting it and leaving it to harden. It is mixed with water and dries hard in a couple of hours.

When painting old, battered wood that is deeply pitted and scratched but not worth resurfacing entirely, mix a heavy dose of plaster in with the undercoat, slather on thickly and then strike off with a broad-knife. This gives a strong, even surface that can be painted in the normal way.

Using these methods, you can produce jobs that have less character but look a little better. It'll all be the same in 100 years, so why worry about posterity?

Tinkling of the Cowbells

Do you remember the sweet, far-carrying musical notes of the cowbells on a warm spring evening when the cows had been turned into the night pasture? Remember the quiet summer afternoons when the notes floated down from the upper pasture?

Sometimes when a man is hoeing his garden or putting around the farmstead, he thinks he can hear those notes of yesteryear floating by on a soft spring breeze. Time was a half-century ago when a few cows in each herd wore bells, and farmers were particular about the notes that the bells produced.

Historians tell us cowbells were first used in Ireland in the fifth century, crafted in iron and steel by Roman missionaries. Bell casting dates back about 2,700 B.C. Switzerland has long been famous for its sweet-toned cowbells. The lead cow of each Swiss herd wears a larger bell than the others. Cast bells give the sweeter tone, but frugal Canadian and American farmers often used bells hammered from scraps of sheet metal. The Swiss use "bell metal," 78 percent copper and 22 percent tin, to get the appealing, sweet musical tone.

Year by year cowbells grow fewer; year by year the antique collector picks them up at summer auctions. But there are those who remember the tinkling notes of bells that sounded over a peaceful countryside. —Ottawa Journal

Sunday School Lesson

(Lesson for August 7) GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS CHILDREN

Hosea 11
GOLDEN TEXT—Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God—1 John 3:1

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson
In these chapters from our final lesson in Hosea's prophecy God bares His very heart. We see Him as a loving father who has the painful duty of testifying in court against his culprit son. Love struggles against faithfulness and duty. God's deep affection for the people contends with His perfect righteousness. Justice cries. Condemn! Love cries, Spare! The dilemma is solved in the decision to temper wrath with mercy. Israel would suffer severely if discipline, but would not be destroyed. After the chastening they would return and would walk in fellowship with Jehovah.

In all this sorrowful visitation the Lord would suffer more than they. In fact, He was already suffering acutely, even before the captivity of Israel became a reality. In contrast to the gloating tyrants who reigned on heathen thrones round about, and in contrast to the indifference of their imported false gods, He really cared! He had nourished and brought up children, but they had rebelled against Him. His deep grief was caused by their disobedience. God must now for their own good, therefore, wield the rod.

The Heart of the Lesson
This whole action is illustrative of God's dealings with His children today. His is not the sickly sentimentality that often passes currently for love; but His is true love that contains the ingredients of faithfulness and truth. It always deals in faithfulness with its objects. Judgment always begins at the house of God (1 Peter 4:17). "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeh every son whom he receiveth." (Hebrews 12:6). He rebukes His children because they are His children.

A husband will approve or disapprove things in his wife that he would scarcely notice in another woman. The same applies to a mother and her family. All this is because of the establishment of an intimate relationship. It is of the utmost importance that we clearly distinguish between God's condemnation of the world, which is future, and the Father's discipline of the family, which is present. Jehovah was about to deal in discipline with His backslidden people at that time; He would burst forth in His condemnation against Assyria later on. And because He was using Assyria as the "rod of his anger" in a sovereign way, it was certainly no guarantee that they would enjoy immunity from His judgment later on.

In the Old Testament there are two men who are said to have gone out from the presence of the Lord. One was Cain and the other was Jonah. Now when Cain went out, the Lord left him alone. But when Jonah went out, the Lord did not leave him alone; He passed through stormy discipline and was restored.

Do as little washing on the trip as possible. A jar of water and a wash cloth and towel to wipe small sticky fingers is worthwhile. Bibs and paper handkerchiefs are good ideas, too. Small children get tired travelling in a car and mother and dad must be willing to stop fairly often. Take son or daughter for a walk to stretch little legs. Fill the thermos with cold, tested, drinking water in the morning and keep a supply of paper cups.

The driver's attention should not be distracted by anyone in the car. Mother will have to keep the children amused from time to time. Repeating a nursery rhyme, singing songs, reciting short poems, all can be lots of fun. A picture book with large, colored illustrations is a good thing to have handy. Dressing a doll is a good diversion for a small girl. Even little children can enter into the good times of simple games such as seeing who can see a barn or a red cow or a sheep out the car window, or "I spy" using colors instead of first letters. If mother and dad can stand the noise, a mouth organ can amuse a child for a long time.

Family motoring is a real adventure. May you have a safe and happy trip this vacation;

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